



ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation



Before



After

Project involved the complete reconstruction of the existing building into a community center that benefits the entire municipality of Kistanje.

USAID reconstruct public building construction projects that benefited 55,000 people in 23 villages. A total of eight community centers, 12 schools, four kindergartens, four playgrounds, two office buildings, three green and multipurpose markets, one health clinic and one library.

Implementer: The Louis Berger Group Inc.

Partners: Croatian Electric Company (HEP), Croatian Waters, Partner Municipalities and Towns, Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction and Construction (now the Ministry of the Sea, Tourism, Transportation and Development; European Commission

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Project completed February 2004

The 1991–1995 war in Croatia resulted in the displacement of approximately 560,000 people. Approximately 200 towns and municipalities suffered loss of lives, property and/or movement of people. USAID's Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program (CIRP) assisted Croatia to reconstruct infrastructure devastated by the war that included municipal infrastructure (electricity, water and wastewater facilities, markets, public buildings such as schools, community centers and health clinics). This program ultimately supported the return and reintegration of displaced persons and refugees in Croatia's war-affected areas.

CIRP was active in eleven municipalities that demonstrated their willingness to support return and reintegration of ethnic minorities by entering into a partnership agreement with USAID.

Results Approximately 18,000 families residing in these partner municipalities and eight surrounding municipalities benefited from CIRP's infrastructure rehabilitation program. These families are drinking clean and safe water, school and health services have resumed normal operations. Power has been restored and 1,200 new or restored public utility connections were made and community facilities have reopened.

Over 5,000 people were directly connected to restored water pipelines. Water supply was improved for 30,000 people who now drink clean and safe water in 32 villages and hamlets. Nine water pump stations, five reservoirs, three water sources, 14 local water systems involving installation of 50 km. of pipelines, one waste water collector was reconstructed. USAID connected 1400 houses to water, purchased two garbage trucks and 120 containers and one specialized vehicle for septic tank cleaning.

Electricity was restored or improved in 84 villages benefiting a total of 26,000 people. A total of 143 km of medium voltage lines and 165 km of low voltage lines were restored. USAID reconstructed 81 distribution substations including a 35/20/10 kV station and a street light system. 1,965 houses were connected to power after years of darkness.

Two roads were upgraded that provide 11,000 people with improved roads and shortened connections to major cities providing easier access to medical services, local governments and economic centers in the region.